February 17, 1942

My dear General Segundo:

I have received your letter and without expressing any opinion on the merits and demerits of the order to which you refer - the matter being strictly an army affair - I don't think it is proper for me to comment one way or the other, but it is natural that I should feel, as I do feel, very sorry about the whole thing. I shall try to find an opportune occasion to informally discuss this matter with your superiors.

I want you to know - and I hope everybody in the field does know - that my heart and my prayers are with you all. I have been constantly sick since I came to this place, and I think that the real reason for my illness are my worries and anxieties about my boys in the front.

God bless you all. Take for yourself and give to everybody my affectionate regards.

Very sincerely yours,

(SGD) MANUEL L. QUEZON

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